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To: CDD District Manager, All Field Managers

From: DSD, Support Services

Subject: Firestone Tire Recall

**DD: 08/25/00**

Bridgestone/Firestone has announced a recall of all P235/75R15 Firestone radial ATX and ATXII tires and all P235/75R15 Wilderness AT tires manufactured at the Firestone Decatur, Illinois plant. The latter tire model recalled has the letters VD imprinted on the inside sidewall.

The recall includes both original equipment and replacement tires and was prompted by a significant number of reports of tread separation from the tire core. The tires may be found on sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks and vans.

**All California Offices** must deliver any Government Owned Vehicles (GOV) with these recalled tires to their nearest dealer for **immediate replacement**. Call 1-800-465-1904 for the location of the nearest Firestone dealer.

Some BLM offices are reporting that local dealerships are unable to replace these tires on demand and are requiring the customer be placed on a waiting list. In some cases, the tire replacements are not expected to arrive in the dealership until October.

In the event your local dealer(s) cannot replace these recalled Firestone tires within a reasonably short time-frame, all Field Office Managers must decide on one of the following options:

1. *Wait until* - replacements arrive and you are notified by the dealership. (In choosing this option, it is critical that you inform *all* employees that these tires have been recalled and could pose a potential hazard. Managers and supervisors then *must* allow the employee(s) the option to drive or decline operation of the vehicle(s).
2. *Deadline the vehicles* - The vehicles will be parked and stored until notification is made of the arrival of replacement tires.

3. *Replace* - the faulty tires with a comparable tire of another manufacture. Replacement costs must be borne by the benefitting subactivity(s). We do not anticipate that any Field Office will incur a significant expense if this option is chosen.

All Offices are to inventory their local fleet and report the number of Firestone tires that fall under the recall notice. Further, all offices must notify the State Office indicating which option of the three listed above will be utilized pending tire replacement.

Responses to this Instruction Memorandum should be addressed to: CA-940 Attn: Jim Anger, Dona Maxcy or Russ Miles, no later than *close of business August 25, 2000*.

Your *prompt* attention to this potentially serious safety concern would be most appreciated.

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